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GEN. LEE MAY BE RECALLED

Secretary Olney Said To Be Considering This Step.

LEAKAGE OF STATE SECRETS

Publication of Lee's Cablegram Places the State Department in an Embarrassing Position—Trying to Discover Who Is Responsible for Its Becoming Public.

The acute phase of the strained relations between Secretary of State Olney and General Lee is that Mr. Olney is considering the advisability of recalling or reappointing at Havana. It is the talk that Mr. Olney has thought this advisable for some time, and that the dispatch of Gen. Lee, published from the New York Herald in the Times yesterday morning, has produced a tension between the two officers which may at any time be followed by the course intimated from Mr. Olney.

The publication of this dispatch calling for a ship in Cuban waters directly started Mr. Olney and the whole State Department yesterday morning. The Secretary was irritated all day by reflecting on the fact that one of the department secrets had gotten out, and especially as it, being to all intents and purposes official, contradicted statements given out by the department.

Mr. Olney's office was besieged all day by the press, but he was strictly in seclusion, although his private secretary informed all inquiries for verification or denial of the authenticity of the dispatch that the Secretary would not talk on the subject. The important news, however, came out that Mr. Olney had told a caller that Gen. Lee had given him a great deal of trouble, and especially as to the permission of the publication of important news.

"Why don't you recall him, then?" was asked.

"I think I will," replied Mr. Olney, quickly, and, later in the conversation, he is credited with having said that the only thing that would deter him from taking that step was the shortness of his own (Olney's) term of office, but that he had a "good mind to recall him anyhow."

It is pretty well known about the department that Mr. Olney had no time yesterday morning trying to discover who was responsible for the leakage of state secrets. He is said to have sent and received many messages from Havana, from which point it is presumed that Mr. Lee's warlike dispatch emanated.

The investigation had proceeded so far last night that the rumor was that Mr. Olney had requested Gen. Lee to discontinue the services of his private secretary, Mr. Ralph Bessel, who is the special correspondent at Havana, of the New York Herald. This rumor was referred to some of the State Department officials, as a fact. They would not deny it, nor would they admit its truth, if it be a fact.

Both of these items of news, so closely related to each other, have undoubtedly caused a great stir at the department. It was known, of course, that so soon as Gen. Lee's dispatch was made public, either one of two things must happen: Gen. Lee's request was to be honored or he was to be rebuked.

It is certain that no order was issued yesterday dispatching a vessel to Cuba, but, on the contrary, from the few bits of news that have come out, the Secretary is engaged in trying to justify the department, and that means the ignoring of Gen. Lee.

It is said that Gen. Lee's dispatch has been criticized for its alleged obscurity. In one sentence they make out that he wanted a warship immediately, and in another place they construe him to simply desire to know how many warships could be sent to Cuba if there were an emergency. In either case the publication of the dispatch put the State Department in an embarrassing position so far as the Spanish legation is concerned, and these embarrassments have been avoided with punctilious care heretofore by Mr. Olney and those who stand for strict neutrality.

MUST ACT WITH CAUTION.

Instructions Said to Have Been Sent General Lee.

Havana, Feb. 26.—It is understood here that Secretary Olney, as further evidence of his and President Cleveland's friendship for Spain, has instructed General Lee to act with caution in his dealings with the Spanish authorities, and to spare no effort to avert further friction with them.

By Spaniards here this is taken to mean that Gen. Lee, to meet the approval of his superiors in office, must not be as persistent as he has been heretofore in pressing for a recognition of rights of American citizens.

It is rumored that the reason why Gen. Lee still holds his post is that he has been induced to do so by private intimations from a high Republican that he will be supported by the incoming Republican administration in upholding American rights and honor.

RUZ'S DEATH.

Spanish Government Will Make a Thorough Investigation.

Official cablegrams from Madrid received at the Spanish legation regarding the death of Ruiz show that the government is aroused to most energetic action, and that orders have gone forward to Cuba to have a most thorough investigation into the affair.

This is regardless of the question of Ruiz's nationality, for whether he is an

American or not the government has determined that if a crime has been committed those guilty shall be punished. In the meantime, no efforts are being spared to determine whether Ruiz was an American citizen or not, and under both the State Department and the legation authorities the records are being searched.

So far it can only be found that Ruiz, then a dental student, took out his first papers declaring intention, in Philadelphia, December 19, 1877. This was near the close of the last revolution. He soon graduated as a dentist and returned to Guantabaco in 1880, where he practiced ever since.

It cannot be learned that he ever returned to the United States, nor does it appear that he lived here long enough to acquire naturalization. However, the Madrid government will push the investigation of his death just as forcibly as possible, and if Gen. Lee's charges are correct, that the doctor was killed or driven to suicide by his jailers, the severest punishment of military law will be executed on those responsible.

SANGUILLY RELEASED.

He Will Sail for the United States Today.

Havana, Feb. 26.—Julio SangUILLY, the American citizen who was twice sentenced to imprisonment for life on the charge of being a rebel, which charge was never proved against him, was released this afternoon, the queen regent having pardoned him, much to the chagrin of those who were instrumental in bringing about his convictions. He at once left the Cuban fortress where he had been confined awaiting the result of his appeal against his sentence, and started for his home.

He was naturally highly elated to be at liberty again after being confined for over two years, and he was so anxious to get to his family that he did not have time to talk about his experiences. He will leave tomorrow for the United States with his family, traveling by way of Tampa. It is reported that he has promised never to return to Cuba.

MR. HANNA COMING.

The Republican National Chairman Leaves Cleveland for Washington.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 26.—Chairman M. A. Hanna was a busy man this morning. He was deeply engrossed up to noon sitting up the affairs of the headquarters. He was in a joyous mood, and the jovial smile which became evident after Bushnell's declaration to appoint him as Sherman's successor still played about his features. Shortly after 12 o'clock he bade good-by to the corps of political clerks in his office, locked his desk and hurried to the Union Club, where he took luncheon. His carriage, containing his wife, two daughters, Mabel and Ruth, with a maid, drove up at the club about 1:30 p. m. Mr. Hanna stepped inside and the party was whisked away to the Union Depot, where at 3:40 p. m. they departed for Washington.

Before leaving Mr. Hanna said: "I do not know how long I will remain in Washington. It all depends upon future developments. I may not be back for several months."

It is considered probable that Gov. Bushnell will forward the papers appointing Mr. Hanna as Senator Sherman's successor in time to allow him to take his seat when Mr. McKinley's Cabinet appointees are confirmed.

MR. BRYAN NOW IN NEW YORK

Glad To Hear the Sound Money People Will Agitate.

New York, Feb. 26.—Mr. William J. Bryan arrived from New Haven, Conn., a few minutes before noon today. Shortly after his arrival Mr. Bryan received a number of newspaper men in his quarters at the Marlborough.

Mr. Bryan said that he had watched the inquiry in this city with a great deal of interest. He thought he had managed to bring out a good deal of information, despite the difficulties surrounding the work. He thought, too, he said, that the feeling against trusts throughout the country was growing.

When the fact was recalled that the sound money people were organizing to agitate the money question he said: "I am glad to hear it. We can't have too much discussion. I should think they'd be afraid, though, that any agitation of the money question would threaten the business interests of the country."

Concerning the extent to which the government should go in protecting Americans in Cuba Mr. Bryan said: "It is a question of extent. In a matter of duty like this there is only one course and that is to go ahead and do it." Mr. Bryan did not have a large audience in Carnegie Hall tonight to hear his lecture on "Money." But the audience was enthusiastic, and it applauded whenever it got a chance. A number of ladies were present, and energetically applauded Mr. Bryan's sentiments. After paying a fitting eulogy to the memory of the late William P. St. John, Mr. Bryan talked upon the money question.

VENEZUELAN COMMISSION.

Its Work of Gathering Its Invaluable Data Closed.

The Venezuelan commission held yesterday what was probably the last session of this kind. Yesterday's meeting was in the nature of a winding up of the affairs of the commission, and a closing up of its business affairs.

During its existence it has heard and collected much valuable testimony and prepared a great many exhaustive reports, which are now being printed. The work of the commission has not been lost, as the result of its labors will be to greatly simplify the work of the arbitration tribunal when it meets. All the data, maps, testimony, and reports will be placed at the disposal of the arbitrators as soon as they are ready to receive it.

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CUBAN DEBATE CONTINUED

Morgan Discussed the Case of George Washington Aguirre.

CALLED SENATORS TO ORDER

Spoke of the President as "Down on His Hunkers" Praying Spain to Release SangUILLY, and as a "Sluggard Sleeping and Snoring While Americans Suffered."

The Senate again fought over the Cuban question yesterday. The debate began over the SangUILLY resolution, but that having been sent to the calendar, two other resolutions as to victims of Spanish cruelty were offered—one by Mr. Morgan, in the case of George Washington Aguirre, and one by Mr. Call in relation to the suicide, or murder, of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz. Senator Morgan was bitter in his denunciation of President Cleveland, who he described, contemptuously, as having been "down on his hunkers" praying Spain to release SangUILLY, also as "a sluggard sleeping and snoring while Americans suffered."

Mr. Frye started the ball rolling after Mr. Faxon, the presiding officer, had before the Senate the SangUILLY resolution. He said a telegram had been received showing that SangUILLY and his attorney have both acknowledged that the judgment was just; that the punishment was just; that the queen regent had drawn the appeal; that the queen regent has signed the pardon, and that SangUILLY is free.

"While I regard that as unfortunate in many respects," said Mr. Frye, "it seems to me that it leaves this joint resolution without any necessity for further consideration. I do not believe, and I never will believe in wasting power simply for the purpose of making a noise. I do not believe that any one will doubt my friendship for Cuba. Every pulsation of my heart is with the patriots who are fighting for liberty, and it is in utter detestation of the brutality of Spain, holding as I do that condition of mind, I do not believe that there is any further necessity for considering this resolution, and I hope that the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Indian appropriation bill."

Mr. Morgan-I rise to ask unanimous consent for a resolution which I will now read: "Resolved, That the President is requested to communicate to the Senate such information as has been furnished to, or obtained by, the Executive or the Department of State, relating to the arrest and imprisonment of George Washington Aguirre, a youth of nineteen, a citizen of the United States, who, in order to obtain the benefit of a general amnesty proclaimed by the captain general of Cuba, surrendered to the Spanish authorities about the 4th of July, 1896."

"Then," said Mr. Morgan, "is an association of names and dates that have a great hold upon the American people. It seems that this youth surrendered on July 4, and that his name is George Washington Aguirre. He surrendered under a proclamation of amnesty. Doubtless he is one of those American boys of Cuban origin who went to Cuba to take a hand in the struggle."

Mr. Morgan went on and read a letter from Ethan Allen, of New York, stating the facts in the case. When he pronounced the writer's name he said: "There is another name connected with history, with the United States, and I suppose I can venture to assume here that this boy, whose name is George Washington Aguirre, is a citizen of the United States because Ethan Allen has said he is."

Mr. Hoar (Ct. Clk.)—Is he the Ethan Allen of the Revolution?

Mr. Platt, of Connecticut—He is the president of the Cuban youth in New York.

Mr. Morgan—He is the grandson of the Ethan Allen of the Revolution; and he is very apt, therefore, to be the president of the Cuban youth. I ask the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Gray, of Delaware—ask the Senator from Alabama to modify the resolution so as not to make the Senate responsible for its alleged facts of fact, but to make it a personal assignment for the benefit of creditors, naming Samuel Register as trustee. The liabilities are at \$130,000. It is stated that if a satisfactory reorganization of the mills company can be effected, Mr. Todd will pay out.

Protest Against Timber Reservation. Omaha, Neb., Feb. 26.—The Commercial Union at a evening meeting, passed a resolution, which was immediately telegraphed to Washington, deprecating the recent proclamation of President Cleveland by which 21,000,000 acres of lands in the Northwest are added to the forest reserves.

Augusta Southern Leased or Sold. Augusta, Ga., Feb. 26.—It is reported that the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad has been leased or purchased the Augusta Southern, from here to Sandersville, Ga., where it will connect with roads for points south and southwest. This consolidation would open up valuable territory in Georgia to Charleston.

Canadian Girls Stopped at Line. Detroit, Mich., Feb. 26.—Immigration Inspector McClellan last night turned back to Windsor three Canadian girls who were on their way from Montreal to Chicago, on the ground that they were violating the labor contract law. A rigid examination disclosed the fact that the girls were under contract for the West.

Con Doyle Downs Bartley. Elmira, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Fifteen hundred people saw Con Doyle, of Chicago, knock out Frank Bartley, of Birmingham, tonight before the Queen City Athletic Club. Bartley was counted out at the end of the third round. The men were matched to fight fifteen rounds at 145 pounds.

Alcoholism Caused Death. William J. Ryan was found dead yesterday on a pile of boards in the rear of an M-street saloon, kept by Martin Curtin. Ryan was thirty-eight years of age, and lived with his uncle, at No. 209 D street northeast. He was a plate printer by trade, and it is said, had been drinking heavily before his death. Coroner Hammett gave a certificate of death from alcoholism.

Coming After Lavigne. London, Feb. 26.—The Sportsman tomorrow will say that Eddie Connolly, the pugilist, will sail for New York on the steamer St. Paul. It adds that he will accept Lavigne's challenge.

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MAY BECOME A LAW.

The Resolution on the Appointment of District Attorneys.

The act of Congress authorizing the supreme court to fill the office of district attorney under circumstances that are a law today "by limitation" if the President did not veto it yesterday and will transmit it to Congress today. It may also be that the President signed it yesterday and will let that fact be known today.

In any event, President Cleveland has had the bill for nearly the full term of the ten days, as it was passed on the 16th inst., and had he so desired, the office could have been filled temporarily by the supreme court nearly ten days ago without prejudice to the case of Mr. Henry Davis, whom he named for the place of district attorney. A member of the bar said yesterday that there was still another thing Mr. Cleveland could have done had he an eye to the dispatch of business in the office of District Attorney.

"I had have directed the Attorney General to take charge of the office," which is occasionally done, and notably in cases where the Attorney General is directed to assume charge of a case in the hands of a district attorney. Had, therefore, the President signed the bill at once, or made provision for the dispatch of the business of the office, there would have been no congestion of affairs there and other reported embarrassments relating to prisoners and processes.

There are a great many who regard the attitude of the President in this whole matter as an effort to make the suggestion to the Senate that they must accept Mr. Davis or count on nothing that he could do to keep the business of the office in its usual order. As the President has not had his hands full of other embarrassments, he has not had time to do that, with respect to this one, he was playing politics.

C. L. TODD ASSIGNS.

Is Receiver for the Gallego Mills Company of Richmond.

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CABINET TALK AT CANTON.

Mr. McKinley Regrets Whitelaw Reid's Inability to Serve.

Canton, O., Feb. 26.—Cabinet speculation seems to have come to a halt. It is assumed that Col. J. J. McCook has been given an opportunity to accept a portfolio but no assurance that he will be a member of the Cabinet has been received here.

In the talk about New York appointments that have appeared in the newspapers it seems to have escaped general notice that Hon. Whitelaw Reid, if the Tribune has always been a great favorite of the President-elect for some suitable and conspicuous recognition, Mr. Reid's selection for a place in the Cabinet, or a foreign embassy, has been until recently under Major McKinley's consideration.

The relations between the two gentlemen have long been intimate, but Mr. Reid and his friends think it would be imprudent for him to take the confinement of official work until his health is absolutely restored, and hence have advised against his coming.

Major McKinley within the last fortnight reluctantly gave up the idea of appointing Mr. Reid, and thereupon wrote him a letter, expressive both of his regard and appreciation, and of the deep regret that for the present, at least, he could not have the advantage of his association and co-operation in the affairs of administration.

Major McKinley is improving rapidly in health. He took a long walk today, and did a considerable amount of work. The only caller who saw him was an old friend, ex-Congressman John Little, of Xenia, this State.

WARLIKE EDITORS.

Arthur Roselle and Paul Vandervoort Exchange Compliments.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 26.—There is war brewing between Arthur Roselle, of the Missouri Reform Press Association, and ex-President Paul Vandervoort, of Omaha, of the National Reform Press Association. Yesterday Mr. Roselle made a statement in regard to Vandervoort's charges, in which he characterized the latter as a "wily and malicious liar. Roselle said: "I have been expecting a challenge from Vandervoort, but so far he has swallowed my opprobrious epithets in silence. If it is a case of a duel, he will find me ready."

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JACKSON WON'T CONFESS.

Pearl Bryan's Murderers Need Have No Hope of Reprieve.

McKENNA IS WILLING.

California Judge Says He Is in Mr. McKinley's Hands.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Judge McKenna has left for Washington. He expects to arrive on the afternoon of March 3, and upon the following day will enter upon the duties of his office.

"I am in Mr. McKinley's hands," he said, "and am ready to do my part with either the Interior Department or the Attorney Generalship, as may suit his convenience. If the selection is left to me, however, I shall take the latter office."

LITTLE HOPE FOR DAVIS

Congress Not Likely to Act on His Nomination.

Senator Hill started in bravely yesterday morning to force a vote on the Davis nomination during the day. He was first defeated in an effort to secure unanimous consent for an executive session at 3 o'clock, being compelled to yield to Frye's objection. His next move was an announcement that he would at 3 o'clock move for an executive session. Davis' more active friends were on hand at 3 o'clock, prepared to do everything possible to help pull the would-be District attorney through. But when 3 o'clock arrived Senator Morgan was in the midst of a formidable speech on our relations with Spain. It was only a few minutes before 3 when the Senator from Alabama had very tartly resented interruptions from Senators Frye and Hoar. Thus it happened that even the doubtful Senator from New York was not eager to rush in and get some of the same medicine. He was on his feet for nearly half an hour to make the motion, but finally surrendered.

At 3:45 p. m. Senator Cockrell moved an executive session, and the proposition carried. It took the Senate just ten minutes to decide that it could do nothing, or that it did not desire to do anything, and the secret session came to an abrupt close.

There now remain but four working days of this Congress and it seems improbable that action can be had on the outstanding nominations for Federal office. Mr. Davis, will, therefore, probably fall of confirmation and with him a large number of others, including United States district Judges Wolcott, of Delaware, and Clark, of North Carolina.

THE INAUGURAL COMMITTEES

Preliminary Work for the Great Event Almost Completed.

The inaugural committees are approaching the completion of their work. The committee on public order, consisting of about one hundred citizens, has been inducted into a body into the service of the police department and will assist in preserving order during the ceremonies.

The subcommittee on hospitals and ambulances made a report to the committee on public order last night stating where the ambulances will be stationed and the arrangements that have been made for the care of any persons who might happen to be injured.

After the business of the evening was over Chairman John Wright was presented with a handsome banner by the members of the committee. The committee on decorations also met last night and wound up its business. A resolution of thanks and appreciation of the services of Chairman Wine was adopted.

Accidentally Killed by a Friend.

Long Island City, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Annie Marian Brennan, thirty years old, was accidentally shot and killed by Mrs. John Delaney, of No. 74 Green Point avenue, in the latter's home, at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Delaney pointed a revolver at the Brennan woman in play, the revolver exploded, and the bullet lodged in Mrs. Brennan's forehead. An ambulance was summoned and she was taken to St. John's Hospital, where she died.

Used the Bank's Money.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 26.—Starting E. Edmunds, of this city, was arrested in St. Louis this morning on an indictment charging him with conspiring to misappropriate the funds of the German National Bank of this city. Edmunds was a big borrower from the bank through President McKnight.

The Texas Had No Difficulty.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 26.—The battleship Texas left Galveston Wednesday for this city and made a quick and uneventful run to the Passes, arriving there last night. She had no difficulty in getting through the jetty and stopped at quarantine station. She left there early this morning, and arrived here at 3:15 p. m. She was accorded a noisy welcome by all the craft in the harbor.</